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Arizona Governor Castro Quoted as Stating Human Rights Not Violated  
in Argentina

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1. Arizona Governor Raul Castro, widely reported in Argentina press media

to be President Carter's choice for US Ambassador to Argentina, was

quoted in May 29 Buenos Aires press to have stated that "Human rights

have not been violated in Argentina." Alleged quotes were taken from

Mexican sources, including newspaper EXCELSIOR. Gov. Castro's remarks

reportedly were made at Mexican-US Interparliamentary meeting at

Hermosillo.

2. Gov. Castro reportedly said that President Carter's concern over human rights "does not signal any disruption of diplomatic relations or of friendship between Argentines and Americans", and added that "the question of human rights cannot interfere in the policies of free and sovereign nations. Respect for sovereignty must ~~be~~ be maintained."

Asked whether US military assistance to Argentina might be restored,

Gov. Castro was quoted as saying: "I have no official information

regarding that, but I see a great strengthening of friendship and

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relations of all kinds between Argentina and the US." He noted that he had not been in South America for seven years and thus could not comment on the present governments in the region.

3. Local press included newsagency ANSA statement that President Carter had expressed interest in reincorporating Gov. Castro into diplomatic service and for that reason "had presented his candidacy to Congress".

4. AmEmbassy Mexico please cable full texts of alleged comments and any ~~background~~ background information available.

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